



The Connectability Bridge

A Lumpkin Leadership Project in conjunction
with Connectability and Lumpkin County Government

November 4, 2015

Project Definition

- As part of the Leadership Lumpkin 2016 process, “Team Connectability” is proposing to undertake a project on behalf of Connectability to help:
 - Increase awareness of the Connectability organization
 - Build a lasting improvement to assist children of all ability levels
 - Improve our Lumpkin County and Dahlonega community

Problem Statement

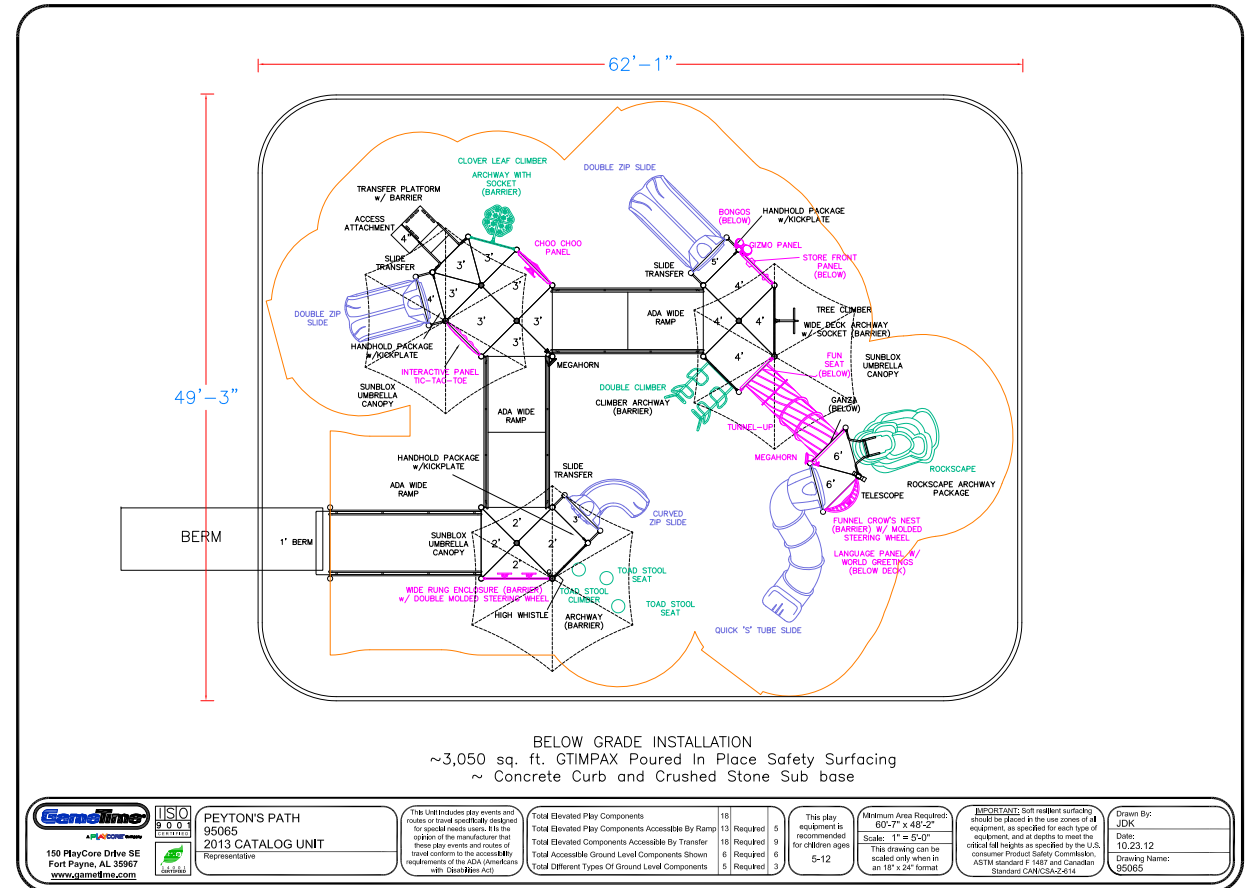
- The Lumpkin County long-range capital improvement budget includes funding to build a new playground accessible to children of all ability levels
- The new playground was originally scheduled for 2018, but may, in conjunction with our project, get accelerated to 2017 or even 2016
 - This would require an official vote by the LC Board of Commissioners in their November meeting
- Siting for the playground was suggested as per the following aerial photograph
 - Access from one of the parking lots would require a sidewalk and bridge
- The idea of the “Connectability Bridge” was created by this need

New Playground

- Details:
 - Accessible to all
 - Single unit which has been priced at ~\$180,000
 - Includes rubberized flooring
 - *Too ambitious for a single LLC project*



Additional Playground Renderings



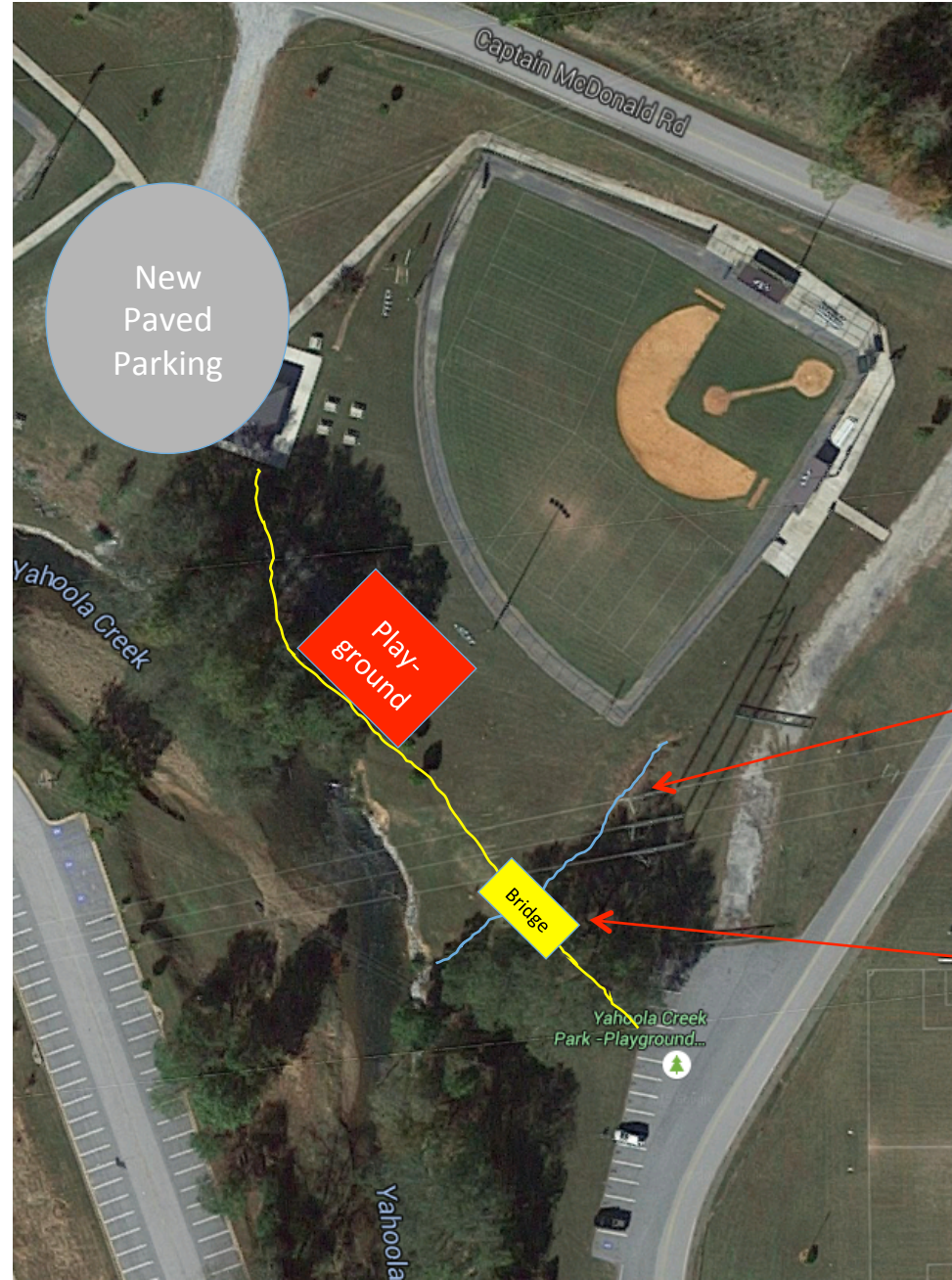
Proposed Site for New Playground

- Pending site approval based on underground power, etc.



Enlarged Site Map

- New parking lot already completed
 - Connected to building with bathrooms
- Creek is shown in blue
- Proposed Connectability sidewalk and bridge in yellow (exact siting TBD)



Creek

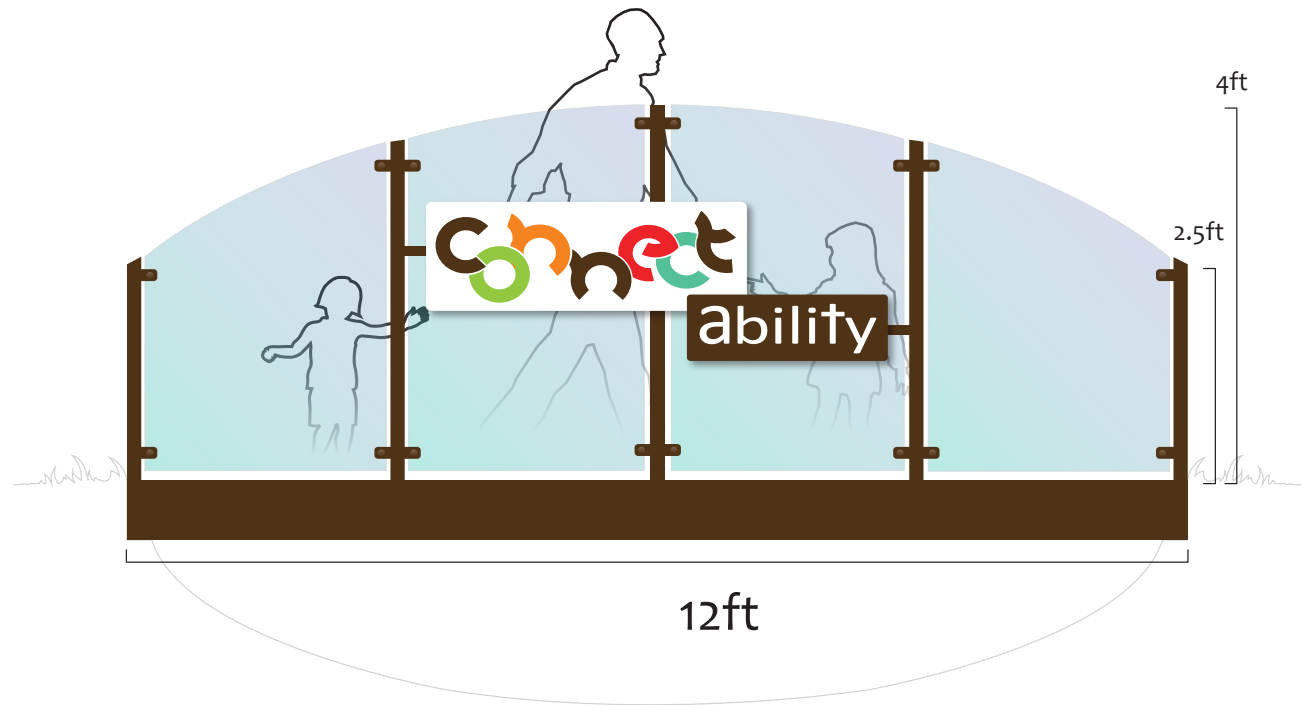
Connectability
Bridge

Building the Connectability Bridge

- LLC to plan, organize, run “events” to raise funds toward construction of bridge leading to future playground accessible to all children
- The Connectability Bridge will be:
 - Estimated at 12 feet
 - On County land at Yahoola Creek Park
 - Designed & project build managed by Lumpkin County resources
 - “Branded” with Connectability and Lumpkin Leadership
- LLC funds raised/donated to go to Connectability as 501-C. Connectability to donate funds to County in a restricted/special fund
- County BOC has budgeted for playground for 2018
 - BOC to hear & vote at Nov. meeting to move project up to at least 2017; possibly 2016

First Bridge Rendering

- Side view to right
- Additional suggestions include adding LLC branding or signage



Fundraising thoughts

- Combination of donations/grants and event fundraising
- Several team members have extensive fundraising/grant-writing backgrounds
- One member has offered use of his land behind Gold Rush Jeeps for live concert featuring other member's band
- Possibility of a Jeep giveaway fundraising raffle
- Team to finalize plans and organize efforts upon approval by LLC/ Chamber for project and green light from county

Next Steps

- ✓ Connectability Board to agree they want to proceed
 - ✓ Approved 10/24/2015
- LLC project team to present to Lumpkin Leadership/Chamber Board to obtain project approval 11/4/2015
- County with participation from LLC & input from Connectability draft bridge design & obtain estimates
- Lumpkin County BOC to vote for project and for acceleration of budget for playground
- LLC to develop project/fundraising plans

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